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## TRANSACTIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

MARCH—APRIL, 1903.

A Regular Meeting of the Society was held at Mendelssohn Hall, No. 119 West Fortieth Street, on Tuesday, March 17, 1903, at 8.30 o'clock P.M.

President Peary in the chair.

The following persons, recommended by the Council, were elected Fellows:

Eben Sugden.	Frederick J. Lisman.
Abraham White.	Albert J. Pitkin.
Frank B. Read.	Pierre Lorillard.
Henry Siegel.	William G. Low.
Gustave Schirmer.	Daniel W. McWilliams.
Elijah W. Sells.	Walter McDougall.
Lester J. Saul.	John B. Kerr.
J. O. von Schmid.	Victor F. Lawson.
William E. Wheelock.	Frederick D. Ives.
Henry R. Wilson.	Jesse W. Reno.
Thomas G. Shaughnessy	Horace P. Whitney.
Frank F. Proudfoot.	Arthur L. Lesher.
George H. Proctor.	Gustavus Maas.
Albert S. Roe.	James N. Jarvie.
John Wier.	Russell W. Porter.
Henry L. Shippy.	Prof. A. E. Burton.
Charles Pfizer.	James M. Lehmaier.
Charles Reed.	George Herrmann.
James B. Reynolds.	John Morris.
E. A. Richard.	Francis Taylor Maxwell.
Thomas Potts.	Edward W. Scott.
Robert Rogers.	Miss Rebecca Harvey.
Charles Brodie Patterson.	Richard M. Raven.
Fred W. Snow.	William Stanton Root.
James Tolman Pyle.	Hugh L. Harrison.
Frederick T. Steinway.	Herbert L. Satterlee.
James F. Sutton.	Albert Goldman.
Rudolph E. Schirmer.	Frank T. Fitzgerald.
Joseph J. O'Donohue, Jr.	Henry F. Poggenburg.
Eugene E. Osborn.	A. Wendell Jackson.

Evan Randolph.	Edmond H. Hamilton.
Augustus Prentice.	George F. Hodgman.
Harry L. O'Connor.	Charles B. Hill.
Jacob Siegel.	Lowell Lincoln.
George H. Smith.	Ernest L. Simpson.
Clinton L. Rossiter.	Thomas T. Gaff.
William I. Overstreet.	Theodore P. Gilman.
B. Sherwood Dunn.	Abraham Gould Jennings.
Walton D. Mann.	Lajos de Loczy.
Clarence H. Mackay.	

The President then addressed the Society:

I have to announce that at the last meeting of the Council the Cullum gold medal was awarded to H. R. H. Luigi Amedeo, Duke of the Abruzzi, for his ascent of Mount St. Elias and his Arctic voyage in the *Stella Polare*.

For several reasons it gives me special pleasure to be able to announce this award.

I have followed the Duke of the Abruzzi both in his Mount St. Elias expedition and in his Arctic voyage with the greatest interest. His work has a quick, effective character, which is particularly attractive.

Few, perhaps, can appreciate better than I the qualities which enabled him to fit out his Polar expedition with such completeness and intelligence; the qualities which encouraged and kept up his men in their arduous and splendid journey to the highest North, and the qualities which enabled him to repair his crippled ship and bring her safely home.

Besides the personal satisfaction which his work must have brought to the Duke, his expedition, regarded from a purely utilitarian point of view, has been worth to Italy many times more than its actual cost in increased prestige.

He has forced the civilized world to recognize the fibre of which Italians are made, and there is probably not an Italian to-day, at home or abroad who is not prouder because Luigi Amedeo did what he did.

But he appeals to me in another way. He is a striking example of a young man of wealth and position, without even the incentive, so powerful with many, of making a name for himself—for he already held a proud one—urged by the manly spirit within him to devote his time and means to accomplishing something in the world, instead of wasting both in mere amusement.

We have hundreds of young men of means who might pattern after the Duke of the Abruzzi. Let them buy or hire a ship and go somewhere, and do something, or find out something. There could be no better school for all the manly qualities. There could be no better training for future responsibilities; and, if one has the money, there are few things more enjoyable than fitting out an expedition.

And if one of these young men should perchance find virgin land on which to set his foot, or should force his ship into waters that never saw the gleam of sail before, he will experience sensations different from any that civilization can give him, and will etch upon his brain pictures and impressions which will last him to his dying day.

Both on account of his successful achievements, and the shining example which he has given us, I congratulate this Society on its selection of the Duke of the Abruzzi for the award of the Cullum gold medal.

President Peary then introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Harry de Windt, who described the incidents of his journey from Paris to New York by land. Illustrations were thrown upon the screen.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

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A Regular Meeting of the American Geographical Society was held at Mendelssohn Hall, No. 119 West Fortieth Street, on Tuesday, April 14, 1903, at 8.30 o'clock P.M.

Vice-President Moore in the chair.

The following persons, recommended by the Council, were elected Fellows:

William Greene Roelker.	William H. Ellis.
Charles H. Mellon.	Russell R. Cornell.
William C. Endicott.	Victor I. Cumnock.
Nathan Herrmann.	Charles N. Brizse.
Isaac E. Gates.	Grenville M. Dodge.
Peter Cooper Hewitt.	F. Q. Brown.
Edward W. Humphreys.	Charles Griswold Bourne.
C. H. Pepper.	Morgan R. Ross.
John J. Donovan.	Charles L. Bernheimer.
Julius Heimann.	Henry A. Caesar.
Theodore W. E. de Lemos.	John A. Amundson.
William B. Dana.	Benjamin D. Brown.
Charles J. Faulkner.	Henry W. Schloss.
John G. Robin.	George R. Bunker.
Eckhardt V. Eskesen.	James C. Atwater.
Robert B. Hirsch.	Harold Binney.
Samuel P. McConnell.	Frank G. Bigelow.
James Furman Kemp.	Edward H. Hobbs.
R. D. Douglass.	Joseph C. Batchelor.

The Chairman then introduced Dr. Elmer L. Corthell, who addressed the Society on the experiences of Two Years in the Argentine Republic as Consulting Engineer of the Ministry of Public Works.

Stereopticon views were shown.

On motion, the Society adjourned.